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This is in response to the statements made by the Examiner in the Examiner’s Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed to Applicants on February 1, 2006.

Applicants respond as follows:

Although Applicants believe that the claims are allowable over the art of record, the Examiner’s Reasons for Allowance do not coincide with the allowed claims. Applicants do not acquiesce in additional limitations included in the Examiner’s Reasons for Allowance.



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